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Community and Guard plan ceremony for mobilized Richland Center unit

Military and civilian officials representing Richland Center and the State of Wisconsin will take part in a ceremony of appreciation for members of the 829th Engineer Detachment on Saturday morning [Feb. 22] at the Richland Center armory. Lt. Gov. Barbara Lawton and Wisconsin Army National Guard commander Brig. Gen. Kerry Denson will be on hand to salute the troops, as well as U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, state Sen. Dale Schultz, state Rep. Sheryl Albers, and Mayor Rita Kidd.

The 56-member unit, mobilized Feb. 10, is normally involved in missions that include building and upgrading facilities. Many unit members are plumbers, electricians or carpenters. The community ceremony is being held this weekend, since the unit may deploy to another location on short notice.

The ceremony is scheduled to run from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the National Guard armory, 1350 Peebles Drive, Richland Center.

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EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: The ceremony is open to the news media, and you are invited to cover this event. We expect to have about 56 deploying unit members and their families, in addition to senior military and civilian officials.

Madison-based officials are expected to arrive at the Richland Center airport aboard two Wisconsin Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters at approximately 10:00 a.m. and travel by automobile to the armory for the 10:30 ceremony. They will be available to news media representatives briefly after the ceremony.